

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the priority information for this application.

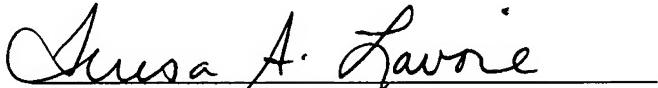
Claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice to continued prosecution. Claims 24-28 are pending, and correspond to Group IV of the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 dated December 3, 2002 in the parent case. Applicant asks that the pending claims be examined.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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